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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. VALENTINOV ARTICLE IN JANUARY 21 NOVOYE VREMYA SEEMS TO
HINT AT A LINKAGE BETWEEN NNUF AND MBFR. ANYTHING SOVIETS
MIGHT VOLUNTEER ON SUCH A CONNECTION WOULD BE INTERESTING
AND TIMELY. BUT TREAD LIGHTLY. COMMON VIEW HERE IS THAT
NNUF IS SOVIET CSCE PLOY, UNDERMINING TO NATO, AND TO BE
AVOIDED LIKE THE PLAGUE.

2. WE THINK SOMETHING WAS DONE ON THE NEW YORK CASE TODAY.
PROBABLY ALONG THE LINES OF A POINTED HINT WITH A TIME FUSE
AND A RETALIATORY STING.

3. THERE IS ALMOST NO CHANCE OF AVIS BOHLEN'S EARLY
RELEASE. SHE PROMISED RESOR TO STAY FOR A YEAR AND HER
ASSIGNMENT RUNS THAT LONG. SHE PASSED THE FSO EXAM
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YESTERDAY BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO PROCESS HER IN AND
ASSIGN HER. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU COME IN PER CHANNEL NOTE
THAT YOU UNDERSTAND FROM BARRY TELECON THAT BOHLEN AVAIL-
ABLE IN JUNE, THAT YOU WANT HER THEN OR EARLIER, AND
SUGGESTING OTHER MOVES YOU OUTLINE. WE WILL BACK YOU UP.

4. FISHERIES (MOSCOW 1474): IN RETROSPECT, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT IN REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MFA KOREA WAS MENTIONED RATHER THAN JUST "A FISHERIES MATTER." MFA'S REFUSAL EVEN TO HEAR WHAT WE HAD TO SAY COMPLICATES OUR ABILITY TO RESIST SHIFTING MORE OF SOVIET QUOTA TO SOUTH KOREA.

5. WE UNDERSTAND RECENT SOVIET DEFECTOR IGOR GLAGOLEV (SEE OUR DEC. 21 MEMCON OF HIS CONFRONTATION INTERVIEW WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY) HAS WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR ASKING THE EMBASSY TO CHECK ON THE WELFARE OF HIS 21-YEAR-OLD SON, DMITRIY, WHO IS SUPPOSEDLY SCHEDULED FOR A MENTAL EXAMINATION SOON. WE DID NOT ENCOURAGE HIM TO THINK THE EMBASSY WOULD DO SO. IN FACT, WE THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE UNWISE FOR THE EMBASSY TO GET INVOLVED, SINCE THIS COULD COMPLICATE THE SON'S SITUATION AND WELFARE. BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS IF YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY.

6. WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR DETAILED REPORT ON THE DISPENSARY FIRE, SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT PROMPT RESTARTING OF BLOOD TEST PROGRAM ESSENTIAL. IF YOU SAY THAT YOU CAN MAKE SPACE AVAILABLE AND TELL US WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE WAY OF REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT--OR THAT JOHNSON CAN PROVIDE LIST ON ARRIVAL--WE THINK WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR A RAPID RESUPPLY EFFORT. PRESUME THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DEFLECT STORIES ALLEGING ARSON, AS WILL WE. ANY INDICATION FROM UPDK ABOUT PAYING FOR FIRE DAMAGE? YOUR REPORT SHOULD BE IN CHANNEL WE WILL RECEIVE.

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7. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: SORRY I COULD NOT BE MORE EXPLICIT WITH TODAY'S, YOU ARE NOW OWED THREE.
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